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Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.56 and 37 C.F.R. 1.97-1.99, it is requested that the references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 be made of record in the above-identified application.

Japanese Patent Application Laid Open Gazette No. 11-104800 and corresponding European Patent Publication No. 0 905 266 are mentioned in the specification.

The enclosed documents are being submitted within 3 months of the filing, or entry into the national phase, of this application or before the first Office Action on the merits, whichever is later, therefore no <u>fee</u> or certification is required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b).

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